



"Mankind is drawn to the heavens for the same reason we were once drawn into unknown lands and across the open sea. We choose to explore space because doing so improves our lives, and lifts our national spirit."

President George W. Bush
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The Station gets a *new crew*

Astronaut Mike Fincke (left), Expedition 9 Space Station Science Officer and Flight Engineer, and Cosmonaut Gennady I. Padalka, Commander, pose for their crew portrait while in training at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City, Russia, prior to their April 18 launch in a Soyuz TMA-4 spacecraft.

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